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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Microsoft's behavior is such that due to their size and capitalization, they can and will dominate any market they choose. Recently, they decided to compete directly with their "Microsoft Partners", firms who integrate and install Microsoft networks by essentially offering the same technical services that firms such as ours do. It is only in the last couple of weeks that Microsoft has rescinded their push to compete with us, primarily, I believe, because they would like us to support them in their fight with the Department of Justice. If this letter is read by Microsoft, I am sure that our business involving their products is toast.

The settlement with Microsoft is a joke. If anything it will tighten Microsoft's hold on the computer market, increase prices and make the US less competitive in the world market.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Signed pdf document attached

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